Personal Explanation by Sri H. Siddaveerappa.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Harihar).—By way of personal explanation, Sir. On 24th July, two Hon'ble Members from the Treasury Bench, Sri K. M. Veerappa Gowda and Sri Puttaswamy made personal allegations against some of those who, according to Sri Puttaswamy, have crossed the floor on this side. I would like to make one position clear. None of us had crossed the floor after having been elected on Congress tickets. We have come this side after being elected on non-Congress tickets. That is No. 1. Sri Puttaswamy further said that some of us have gone away because we did not get any posts or salary or any money from the Treasury Benches. There cannot be anything far from truth so far as this is concerned. Though his remarks were also very sweeping generalisation, I have made it clear and I have told the House last time also that while I was Chairman of the Khadi Board for 3 years, I worked in an honorary capacity without having any salary. On the other hand when one of the Members of the Treasury Benches was there, 3 months after he went out of office, they paid him a grand sum of Rs. 27,000 as salary in spite of its being objected to by the Accountant General.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Personal explanation should not be utilised for all this.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—The other day Chief Minister also said—I was not present that day. He seems to have given a clean certificate of conduct to me. At no time my conduct was in cloud. I should consider, personally speaking for myself, any certificate given by the Chief Minister will always have to be taken with a grain of salt. I want a certificate from a juridical authority as a result of a probe. Because when the Chief Minister's conduct itself is under a cloud, when there are so many charges against him which have not been cleared, to get a certificate from such a gentleman, I do not value it at all. Therefore, we want a judicial probe to take place so that all these points are examined and a certificate from a judicial officer stating who is guilty and who is not guilty—that certificate alone will be valued by the public in this country.

What Sri Veerappa Gowda stated is not correct. When I was in charge of it I have administered without swerving even by a hair bredth to this side or that out of the rules that I formulated for myself, because there were no rules. Therefore Sir, I want a judicial probe into the conduct and work of the Khadi Board and let them say who is wrong.

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA (Chief Minister).—May I submit that the remarks made by the Hon'ble Member were not very charitable. I do not think I am under any cloud at any time and a certificate from me, he must value as very good.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Because that charge-sheet given by 10 members of this House is still there not being examined.

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—It has been found to be *mala fide*.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I must make it perfectly clear so that Members may know correctly that personal statements are made under very exceptional occasions with the consent of the Chair for the express and the only purpose of rebutting any allegations made against an individual who is making the statement. That opportunity should not be utilised for any other purpose. That is why, hereafter I will insist upon the statement being shown to me beforehand. Otherwise, one personal statement gives rise to similar controversies; talking about certificates, referring to another person and saying that he was given Rs. 27,000— who is that person, I do not know. It is absolutely mis-placed.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—In the interest of public morality and in the interest of public justice, I am requesting you to ask them.

Mr. SPEAKER.—For matters relating to public morality, rules provide enough opportunities. Not by using an occasion which I have given for a personal statement and that in regard to allegations made against that individual.

With regard to the certificate the member referred to, I think he should refer only to an allegation made against him.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—There was no allegation against me by anybody at any time.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I was told that two members made allegations against the hon'ble Member Sri H. Siddaveerappa. He wanted copies of the speeches and I had copies given to him of the respective speeches made by these Members. The point now is that he has made allegations and dragged in others into controversy. I do not think there was any need or justification to enlarge the scope and referring to something that has been said by somebody else. He may utilise another opportunity and attack it in any manner he likes. It is up to him to answer allegations against him and criticise severely. But he uses the opportunity given to him by bringing in other matters which is practically putting the Speaker in a wrong position. This is not the way of using the opportunity.

Member's Representations.

Sri K. H. PATIL. (Gadag)—On a point of order, Sir. Regarding the questions and answers, some of the Hon'ble members during the course of this debate have observed that whenever answer is very difficult in the Government level, they say it is in public interest that we are not disclosing facts. Sir, according to rule 44.....

Mr. SPEAKER.—Point of order has to be taken at the time. Not days later. Any how, so far as the point is concerned, I am going to give a ruling, because the same point has been raised by Mr. Nagappa from Raichur. He cited authorities and he came to me and discussed with me and he produced a text-book. I gave him facilities of the